

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP99/01845INTERNATIONAL FILING DATES
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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

09/445304

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
7 April 1998TITLE OF INVENTION IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, MEDIUM STORING
PROGRAM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, AND INSPECTION APPARATUS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Shiro Fujieda

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371 (b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 & 3.31 is included.
13. A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
- A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
14. A substitute specification.
15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. Other items or information: International Search Report

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17. 11145304 The following fees are submitted:																			
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)): Neither International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)																			
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Surcharge of _____ for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>CLAIMS</th> <th>NUMBER FILED</th> <th>NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th>RATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>42 - 20 =</td> <td>22</td> <td>X 18.00 396.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>8 - 3 =</td> <td>5</td> <td>X 78.00 390.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)</td> <td>X 0 0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	Total claims	42 - 20 =	22	X 18.00 396.00	Independent claims	8 - 3 =	5	X 78.00 390.00	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)			X 0 0
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet + (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$ 40.00 per property.																			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ 1,796.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 4 - 1073 in the amount of \$ ____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any over payment to my Deposit Account No. 4 - 1073. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.																			
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.																			
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